



Seeking the Sacred in the Digital Age

(All sessions will be held in Hemmingson 312-4)

Saturday, February 18th:

9:00-10:15: “*Virtual Religion and the Rise of a New Axial Age*”

by Fr Tim Clancy SJ, Gonzaga University

10:30-12:00: *Virtual Ritual*: Dr. Greg Orofino, Dr. Joe Mudd, (the prospects for sacraments and devotions online) Francis Xu SJ (power of virtual music);

12:15-1:30 Lunch at Hemmingson

1:30-3:00 *Virtual religious experience*: Bill Woody SJ, Dr. Dan Bradley (experience of the sacred in oral presence, literate absence (ie negative theology), and virtual telepresence; Corwin Bryan (religious experience in virtual reality)

3:15-4:30: *Virtual symbolism*: Matt Yim SJ . Dr. Roisin Lally, David Nguyen

4:45-6:00: “*Technologies of transcendence: on the technological mediation of the sacred*” by Dr. Peter-Paul Verbeek, Professor of the Philosophy of Technology, University of Twente, the Netherlands

6:30 Mass (Jesuit House Chapel)

7:30 Dinner (Pizza party at Jesuit House)

Sunday, February 19th:

9:00-10:00: “*Guarding Against Teleopathy: Organizational Leadership Towards Ultimate Ends*” by L. Kim, VP at a high tech firm

10:15-11:45 *Virtual Evangelization*: Fr. Michael Rossman SJ (Jesuit Post), Fr. Wojciech Moranski SJ (DEON.pl), Tucker Redding SJ (social media)

12:00: Brunch at Jesuit House

1:30-3:00 *Virtual Politics*: Macklen Scribner (Vocation in a virtual post wage labor economy): Dr. Joan Braune (Occupy Wall Street as a case study in enlisting social media in political organizing) Michael Martinez SJ (digital community organizing)

4:30-5:00 *On Avatars*: Fr. Tim Clancy SJ (Avatar Christology) , Dr. Krista Sajber (radicalizing the networked self), Dr. Kirk Besmer, respondent.

5:30: Wrap up and next steps